Teaching Staff

1777. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Junior Navyug Schools at Moti Bagh and Lodhi Road were upgraded last year by extending the classes from Fifth to Ninth;

(b) if so, whether the teaching staff which were deputed to teach upto fifth are continuing to teach the students of senior classes in these schools;

(c) if so, the justification therefor;

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Union Government to provide adequate and competent teaching staff to these schools; and

(e) the time by which the selection of teachers and entrusting them with the teaching job is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (e) As per the information furnished by New Delhi Municipal Council, the Junior Navyug Schools at Moti Bagh and Lodhi Road were upgraded from Primary to Middle level in 1990 and from Middle to Secondary level from the academic session 1997-98. On upgradation of these schools from Primary to Middle level, Trained Graduate Teachers were provided. In view of the upgradation from Middle to Secondary level, action has been initiated to recruit/appoint competent teachers and the same shall be completed shortly.

Persons killed in IAF-AVRO HS-748 Plane Crash

1778. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of civilians and crew members killed in the IAF AVRO HS-748 plane crash, separately;

(b) whether any compensation has been paid to civilians killed in the crash; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (c) Five crew members and seventeen Air Force personnel were killed in the IAF AVRO HS-748 plane crash on 24th December 1996. There was no civilian casualty.

Socio-Economic Development of SC/ST

1779. SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the ITDC contemplate to take up any specific scheme for socio-economic development for SC and ST in near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) to (c) ITDC being a Commercially Competitive Corporation in a service industry, it does not have a specific scheme for the socio-economic development of SCs and STs. However, in recruitment and other personnel matters, ITDC follows the required norms and instructions of Government.

Flights from Bagdogra to other Places

1780. PROF. JITENDRA NATH DAS : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have since take any decision to operate flights from Bagdogra to other places of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (c) Indian Airlines/Alliance Air are already operating thrice a week flights on the Sector Delhi/Bagdogra/Guwahati/Delhi and five times a week on the Sector Calcutta/Bagdogra/Calcutta. In addition, Bagdogra is also linked to Guwahati and Delhi by other Airlines. Passengers desirous of travelling between Bagdogra and other places can avail themselves of flights through Calcutta/Delhi.

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District Primary Education Programme

1781. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the names of districts in Uttar Pradesh where District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) is being implemented;

(b) whether the Government propose to include other district of the State under this programme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Nil.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) 15 districts (Maharajganj, Siddarthnagar, Gonda, Badaun, Khiri, Lalit Pur, Pilibhit, Basti, Moradabad, Shahjahanpur, Sonabhadra, Deoria, Hardoi, Bareilly and Firozabad) have been identified for inclusion under District Primary Education Programme phase-II.